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Graystone road in
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Storage tanks and small
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Underground
pipeline

Winches to move
railroad cars

Movable sucker-tubes

Stationary sucker-tubes

Manifold

First berth

1312 feet

Second berth

DIAGRAM 1 - LIFTING AREA

